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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Simon Hastings Bittleston

Serial No. 09/893,234

Filed: June 26, 2001

For: Control Devices For Controlling
The Position Of a Marine Seismic
Streamer

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON June 19, 2002

Applicant hereby files this response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2002, having a one-month shortened statutory time period for response, that requires a restriction under 35 U. S. C. 121. Applicant hereby elects to prosecute claims 1, 14-31 and 52-61. Please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel the following claims:

Claims 32-41, 42-50, and 51.

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REMARKS

Applicant notes that the claims drawn to the control device of a seismic cable are claims 1, 14-31 and 52-61.

Upon election of prosecuting the claim drawn to the control device of a seismic cable, Applicant hereby cancels, without prejudice, claims 32-41 and 42-50 that are drawn to a method of control, and claim 51, which is drawn to a method of storing streamer cable on a drum.

Respectfully submitted,



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